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SHIPPING.

Mar. 21, CYCLOPS, British str. 1,331, Barr.  
London and Singapore 3rd Feb., General.  
—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.  
Mar. 21, TAKSANG, British str. 977, Freeman,  
Canton 21st March, General.—JARDINE,  
MATHESON & Co.  
Mar. 21, PERKIN, British str. 118, Raymond,  
Amoy 19th Mar., General.—CHINESE.  
Mar. 21, FORMOSA, British str. 680, T. Hall,  
London and Singapore 19th March, General.

5th Mar., Rice.—WIELER & Co.  
now, British str, 896, J. Harde,

Canton 21st Mar., General — BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.  
Mar. 21, LOESANG, British steamer, 573, N. Moncur.  
Canton 21st Mar., General — JARDINE MATHESON & Co.  
Mar. 21, BENGO, Portuguese gunboat, 462, H. Carvalho & Athayde, from Macao.  
Mar. 21, ASS, Danish steamer, 592, Revsbech.  
Halong 17th Mar., and Hoihoi 20th.  
Rios and Piga. — A. R. MABRY.  
Mar. 21, KUTSANG, British steamer, 1,195, W. J. Hall.  
Canton 21st Mar., General — Pong 10th.

Jackson, United States of America.  
 and Singapore 14th. Opium and General.  
 JAEDEIN MATHESON & Co.  
 Mar. 21; HESPERIA; German str. 1.123. With  
 Saigon 16th Mar. Rice.—SIEMSEN & Co.

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**CLEARANCES.**  
 AT THE HARBOR MASTER'S OFFICE.  
 21st MARCH  
 Lokoang, British str. for Shanghai.  
 Riverdale, British str. for Hongay.  
 Everest of Japan, British str., for Shanghai.

*Diomed*. British str. for Amoy.  
*Hoikong*. British str. for Shanghai.  
*Hongkong*. French str. for Haiphong.

**DEPARTURES.**

Mar. 21. *PRESTO*. German str. for Hothow.  
 Mar. 21. *SYNDNEY*. French str. for Europe.  
 Mar. 21. *BOTWELL CASTLE*. British str. for  
 Nagasaki.  
 Mar. 21. *EMPERESS OF JAPAN*. British str. for  
 Vancouver.  
 Mar. 22. *Harow*. British str. for Shanghai.

Mar. 24, **REUNION**, German str., for Saigon  
Mar. 21, **REUNION**, German str., for Saigon  
Mar. 21, **TRIUMPH**, German str., for Macao.

(For Passengers Arrived and Departed see 3rd page.)

**VISITORS AT HOTELS.**  
CHONGKONG HOTEL.

Mr. L. Aronhold	Mr. E. Lyall
Mr. J. do Bego Barcus	Mr. & Mrs. Martin
Mr. A. Brage	Mr. J. McWilliam
Mr. H. Burton	Mr. D. J. H. Nees

Lieut. Carlos	Mr. J. T. Morony
Mr. E. J. Goltzurst	Rev. J. M. Morlan
Dr. J. R. Putnam Orsmer	Mr. Panber.
Mr. J. J. Dick	Mr. W. Parist
Mr. & Mrs. Diskson	Dr. & Mrs. von der Plor
Mr. W. A. East	ten and two children
Mr. A. J. Baulton	Dr. S. Forges
Mr. G. Fenwick	Lieut. Rafin
Mr. E. Fitt	Mr. J. C. Borge
H. E. Marquis de Gerard	Dr. & Mrs. T. E. Sagnon
Mr. A. Gibb	Mr. F. M. Sheau
Mr. H. Gero	Mr. Sonne
Col. J. C. Hill	Mr. F. Tatner
Mr. C. T. Hunt	

Mr. C. J. Jackson	Mr. J. de Laveray
Mrs. R. B. Jackson	Mr. H. A. S. Thomas
Mr. M. Jones	Captain Thompson
Mr. J. Kinghorn	Captain Elliott
Captain Kirby, R.N.	Mr. W. Whaley
Mr. J. Kirkwood	Mr. T. H. Wilson
Mr. & Mrs. Henry Kitts	Mr. K. Widmer
Payon & Baroness de	Mr. N. Wood
Labadio	Capt. A. Wrotteale
Mr. & Mrs. Long	R. E.
Mr. G. M. Lort	Captain W. S. Wyles
Mousser Augustin	
Mr. & Mrs. John Andrew	Mr. & Mrs. R. H. Humphreys
	and children

Mr. W. Boon	Mr. Imbudd
Mr. S. S. Isenbamin	Mr. C. Malach
Mr. H. E. Boshall	Mr. H. F. Moyerluk
Mr. & Mrs. D. E. Brown	Mr. V. Van Clief
Mr. Hart Boat	Mr. & Mrs. H. W. Paul
Dr. & Mrs. Cattle	Mr. & Mrs. Costa
Dr. & Mrs. C. C. Cohen	Mr. James Rankin
Mr. & Mrs. B. Courtois	Mr. O. S. Taylor
Captain Parkes, R.N.	Le-Commander L.
Mrs. Fawkes and maid	Tammell R.N.
Miss Hogg	Mrs. L. G. Tuffnell
Miss C. G. Hogg	Mr. J. Y. V. Vernon

WINDSOR HOTEL

Mr. B. Adams	Mr. C. Jenkinson
Mr. H. Adams	Mr. R. B. Joyce
Mr. W. G. Allen	Mr. L. Judell
Captain W. Benson	Mr. M. Kobayashi
Mr. C. Bourmann	Miss Theresa Kyle
Mr. Blum	Mr. R. Lindlow
Miss Ella C. Bond	Mr. & Mrs. Magee
Mr. Philip Bright	Mr. J. E. Olin
Mr. J. Chapman	Mr. R. C. Olin
Mrs. Chapman	Mr. A. O. Parkin
Mr. Edgar de Chazal	Commandant Bessaire
Mr. G. B. Connor	Mrs. Bessaire
Capt. J. H. Dayton, U.S.N.	Madame Rowan
Dr. T. Dickson	

Mrs. Dickson	Mallo Rowes
Colebrook A. P. Dowdon	Mr. J. G. Mair Raulin
Mrs. Dowdon	Colonel W. L. Samuels
Captain Edwards	Mrs. F. Bachly Sinton
Mess D. A. Felzer :	Mr. C. J. Tyndale-Lee
Vice-Com. P. Gavannilles	Mrs. Tyndale-Lee
Lt. Gillet	Master Gilbert Tryada
Mr. A. O'D. Gourdin	lea
Mrs. & Mr. Geo. Holmes	Mr. Geo. L. Toulmin
Capt. and Mrs. H. C. A.	Mr. Wolf
Harris	

**VESSELS IN DOCK,**  
at New York City:

K. B. BROWN DOCKS.—Avenue, C. M. Co.  
 K. W. L. DOCKS.—Agnes, H. M. Co.  
 Porpoise.  
 COSMOPOLITAN DOCK.—Mount Washington.  
 Tantalus.

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TO-DAY.  
 Meeting of St. John's Lodge, 5 p.m.  
 Meeting of Victoria Lodge, 9 p.m.  
 London Lyric Company at City Hall, 9 p.m.

**HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.**


**TIME TABLE.**

**WEEK DAYS.**

7.30 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. .... Every quarter of an hour.  
11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. .... Every half hour.  
12.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. .... Every quarter of an hour.  
2.30 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. .... Every quarter of an hour.  
Night cars at 8.45 p.m. and 9 p.m. and from 9.45 p.m. to 11.15 p.m. every half hour.

**SATURDAYS.**

Extra Night cars at 11.30 and 11.15 p.m.  
SUNDAYS.  
10.30 a.m. and 10.40 a.m. Every quarter of an hour  
Noon to 2 p.m. Every quarter of an hour  
2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Every quarter of an hour  
Night cars from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m., every half hour.  
**JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,**  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 10th January, 1934. [210]

VICTORIA  LODGE.

HONGKONG, No. 1, 1926.

**A** REGULAR MEETING of the above  
LODGE will be held in the FREEM-  
SONS HALL, Zealand Street, TO-DAY, the 22nd  
inst., at 8.30 for 9 P.M. precisely. Visiting  
Brethren are cordially invited.  
Hongkong, 19th March, 1894. [6]

**NOTICE**

HONGKONG AND SOUTH CHINA

**MASSONIC BENEVOLENCE  
FUND CORPORATION.**

**THE QUARTERLY MEETING** of the  
above Corporation will be held at the  
Masonic Hall on **TUESDAY**, the 27th inst  
at 6 for 5.30 P.M.

**A. O'D. GOURDIN,**  
Secretary.

**Hongkong, 22nd March, 1894.**

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Hongkong, 26th January, 1904.

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HONGKONG, MARCH 22ND, 1904.

It is to be regretted that an early opportunity will be afforded for the discussion of the resolution of which the Hon. T. H. WHITEHEAD gave notice at the last meeting of the Legislative Council. That resolution was to the effect that a Commission should be appointed with the amplest powers to investigate and report on the working of the Opium Farm in the past; the terms and conditions upon which the new Farm, if any, is to be granted; the defects, if any, in the existing Opium Ordinances, and the amendments to be made therein with a view to the prevention of the smuggling of opium from the Colony to other parts of the Empire and to the protection of the revenue and the health of the Colony.

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this work, but perhaps a Commission of mercantile men might be able to give them some useful advice as would make the work more successful.

Mr. WHITEHEAD's resolution would be a template upon which others might be based, and another system less open to objection, than the present one could be devised if it would be an excellent thing for the Colony, not only on account of the immunity it might afford to the opium traffic, but also because it would presumably do away with much of the annoyance to which residents and travellers are now subjected by the persecutions of the Opium Farm's excise officers. But it has hitherto been a cardinal article of faith with the European community, and perhaps not less so with the Chinese, that there must be no interference with the freedom of the port, and it is difficult to see how the opium revenue could be collected by the Government itself without the establishment of something in the nature of a Customs service. Although only one article of commerce would be affected, still the principle would be established, and once established it would be capable of being extended to other articles should an unwise Government at any time think considerations of revenue rendered it desirable. Perhaps we are inclined to make somewhat of a fetish of the term "freedom of the port," but at all events the Colony is not prepared as yet to see any tampering with the principle that term implies. The glaring evils of the present system will therefore have to be amended by the improvement of the existing law rather than by the institution of a new system which would do away with the Opium Farm altogether, for the Colony certainly cannot afford to dispense with the opium revenue, and the Farm seems to offer a convenient means of collecting that revenue without the institution of anything in the nature of a formal Customs service. Some time ago it was stated with respect to the Straits Settlements that the Secretary of State had intimated that the Farm system ought to be considered, with a view to its modification and the adoption of a system of licences to be issued at high rates, the object being the diminution of the evils of the opium traffic without seriously crippling the revenue. Apparently the consideration of the question in the Straits has resulted in the decision to continue the Farm system, for a new Opium Ordinance has just been introduced which, as the Attorney-General explained in moving the first reading, "followed very closely in many respects the previous legislation on the subject, the only changes in the law not being very numerous." One of the principal changes is the separation of the opium excise and the spirit excise, and another alteration was due to the fact that there had been considerable complaint by the Opium Farmers and those who represented them as to the inadequacy of the punishments inflicted upon persons infringing the opium law. In fact the Straits Bill has been drawn with a view to the improvement of the details of the present system and not to introduce any radical alterations. The motive of the Secretary of State in recommending an alteration was the desire to diminish the "evils of the opium traffic," from which phrase it would seem that he had become infected with the views of the anti-opium party, but it would not be justified here that there are any evils connected with that traffic of which the Legislature is called upon to take note, except the evils arising from smuggling and the "public-annoyance" entailed by the collection of the revenue. These are evils for which a Commission composed of practical business men might possibly be able to recommend a remedy. We learn, however, that Mr. WHITEHEAD has felt compelled by circumstances to withdraw his resolution.

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VESSELS EXPECTED.

**THE FOREIGN MAIL.**  
 M. M. steamer *Sofaria*, with the  
 of the 16th ult., left Saigon on the  
 at 10 p.m.; and may be expected  
 about Thursday, the 22nd inst.  
 The 16th ult. the steamer despatched  
 Hongkong on 16th January.

**THE AMERICAN MAIL.**  
 O. & O. steamer *Columbia*, with  
 mail of the 27th ult., left Yau  
 morning of the 20th inst., and is  
 on the 25th inst.

P. M. steamer *City of Rio de*  
 the American mail, left San Francisco  
 on the 19th inst.

O. & O. steamer *Catfish*, with the  
 mail of the 27th ult., left Yau  
 left, left San Francisco on the 24th  
 inst.

**THE EVOLVER MAIL.**  
 O. & O. steamer *Thames*, with the  
 mail of the 23rd ult., left Singapore  
 on the 20th inst., at 6 p.m.; and  
 may be expected on Saturday, the 26th  
 inst. The steamer is expected to  
 Hongkong on 18th January.

**THE KIOYAN MAIL.**  
 The steamer *Catherine Ahear* left Singapore  
 on the 20th, and may be expected on

**THE CANADIAN MAIL.**  
 O. & P. steamer *Empress of China*,  
 the Canadian mail of the 6th inst., is  
 expected on the 20th inst. via Hongkong.

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for Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama,  
Manila, &c.—Per *Perry*, to-morrow, the  
5.00 P.M.  
for Nagasaki, Kobe, and Yokohama,  
Manila, on Friday, the 30th inst.: at

**MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES  
MAIL PACKET.**  
The United States Mail Packet  
despatched on FRIDAY, the 29th  
inst., for Japan, San Francisco,  
the United States, Canada, Honolulu,  
&c. will be closed as follows:—

5 P.M., Registry closes.  
 6 P.M., Post Office closes.  
 The Post Office declines all responsibility for registered letters containing bills or receipts, and where Regis-

neglected, will make no enquiry  
losses of such letters.

**MAILS BY THE BRITISH POST**  
The British Contrast Packet is  
patched on THURSDAY, the 2nd  
H. Mails for the United Kingdom  
countries beyond, via Brindisi,  
Malta Settlements, Netherlands Indi-  
a, Aden, Egypt, Malta and Gib-  
the usual hours will be observed  
mails, &c.

The Post Office declines all respon-  
registered Letters containing Be-  
in, or Jewellery, and where Regis-  
neglected, will make no enquiry

**HOURS OF CLOSING THE EAST AND FRENCH MAIL.**  
*When the Packets leave at Noon.*  
The following hours will be observed for mails for Europe, &c., by the East India Company.

French Packets, when they leave at New  
Money Order Office will be closed at  
before.  
10 A.M.—Posting of Prices Current  
columns ceases.

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CANTON REED,  
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Hongkong, 26th January, 1894.

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Neither the Clearing the Agent

OWNERS will be RESPONSIBLE for any BREAST contracted by the Officers on the following Vessels during their stay in Hong Kong Harbour:—

STAIN, Brit. bk., Matthews—Wich  
LIGHTNING, Brit. str., Spence—I  
Sons & Co.  
TELEPHONE, Ger. str., Henemann—  
Co.

OMEGA, Brit. bk., Brown--Master.

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